

Feb. 13, 1974 Wednesday

Dear Vicki and Jim,

I am starting my letter over since talking to you Sunday. Dad was sorry he didn't get to talk to you but he was in the shower. He is only five minutes away from where he catches the bus and it is just wonderful that he doesn't have to drive. Just a few weeks ago there was no bus service over the Evergreen bridge, and since the service has started the busses are crowded. It is getting hard to get gas even in Bellevue now, and in Seattle the cars are lined up for a block and around the block. Uncle Jim has gas pumps at the store and is making nine hundred dollars a month on gas sales and that is for only three hours a day. In Eastern Washington there is no gas shortage at all.

Next Wednesday we are having a baby shower for Patti in Enumclaw at Aunt Ruth's. All the cousins are going and Mary hopes to be back here by then. The session is expected to end today. Mary went to the doctor yesterday. They belong to Group Health. The doctor told her that he was sure she was farther along than she thought and the baby might be due in July ~~and~~<sup>or</sup> August. He will be able to tell more next month but her clothes are already getting a little tight.

I am going to play bridge today with Marty. The window washer is coming this after noon.

I hope you have a good trip to Hawaii, Jim. This is a perfect time to be there. It will be wonderful if it works out so that you both can come out this summer. I hope to get some rooms painted by then.

I am going to show Gary the work you have done on the ancestors, Jim and dad will also run off some copies. It is really wonderful to be able to find that history of them.

I hope your weather has warmed up. It is raining here this morning but it is very mild out. I stand on the corner with Heidi every morning and wait for the school bus with her and get a breath of fresh air.

Love, Mom.